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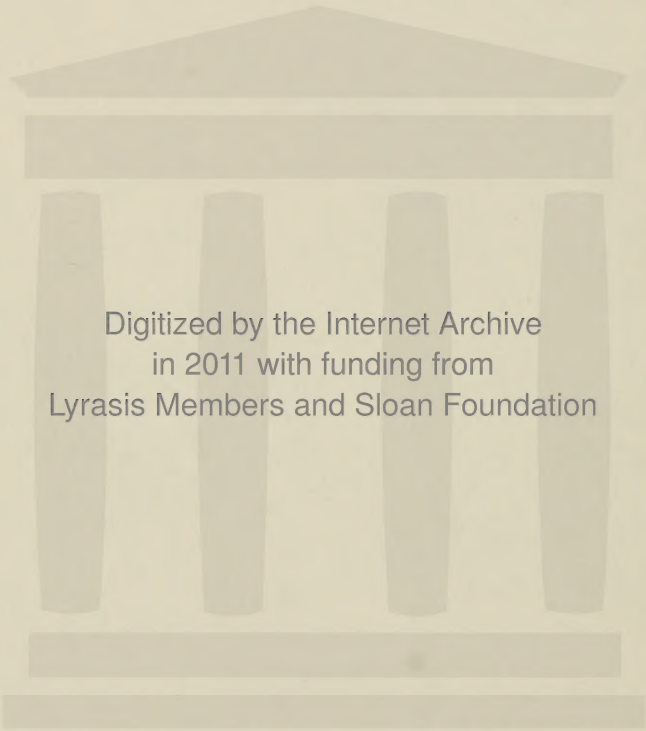
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PROCEEDINGS.

Fifty-First Annual Session Ala. Baptist Association.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Association met with the Baptist Church in Greenville, Butler county, on Saturday, the 8th day of October, 1870.

Elder Wm. C. Cleveland delivered the Introductory Discourse, from Prov. iv, 18: "But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day."

At 2 o'clock P. M. the delegates reassembled, and united in singing a hymn and joined in prayer with Brother James M. Newman; after which the body was called to order by Elder David Lee, Moderator, and Brethren T. M. Bailey, J. I. Lamar and W. B. Crumpton requested to read the letters of correspondence from the Churches.

The names of the delegates were enrolled by the Clerk.

FIRST DISTRICT.

Shiloh.—*William Johnson, Levi Stone, Charles C. Cleveland.

Town Creek.—Elder T. M. Bailey, *D. B. Edwards, *W. R. Hardy, *Stith Carter.

Sister Springs.—*Daniel Smoke, *Nathan Moore, *Jarrett Carter.

Providence.—*B. F. Ellis, *L. Johnson, Wm. Day, W. J. Moseley.

Centre Ridge.—Elder Wm. C. Cleveland, J. E. Pouncey, T. K. Padgett, S. W. Lide.

Bethany.—Julius W. Rast, H. W. Caffey, *John A. Caffey.

New Bethel.—John H. Barlow, *John R. Wood.

Cedar Creek.—J. J. Vaughan, *L. L. Lee, *Joseph Soles.

†*Pleasant Hill.*—Elder B. H. Crumpton, Elder W. B. Crumpton, Elder Thomas E. Williams, *P. L. Ulmer, *C. A. Cobb.

SECOND DISTRICT.

Ash Creek.—Edward Lyon, A. K. Gordon, *Alfred Edwards.

Good Hope.—C. Ellington, A. Peagler, W. Bush, G. Buckhaults.

Mt. Gilead.—*Wm. B. Haralson, *John A. Edwards, *J. J. Barlow.

Benton.—*John Gresham, *A. D. Hassell.

Steep Creek.—Geo. W. McQueen, B. S. Meadows, S. A. Satterwhite.

Bethel.—Elder M. Bishop, Elder W. W. Lloyd, W. A. Heard, J. W. Hairston.

Hopewell.—Elder D. Lee, C. A. Gunn, G. B. Murphrey, James O. Robertson.

Hayneville.—Unrepresented.

‡*Lowndesboro.*—Unrepresented.

*Denotes absentees. † Denotes absent without leave.
‡Formerly Mt. Lebanon, Dallas county.

THIRD DISTRICT.

Montgomery, 1st.—John Bullock, J. E. Simpson.
Montgomery, 2d.—Elder W. M. Davis, Elder J. M. Newman, Elder J. Falconer.
Unity.—Elder P. H. Lundy, J. M. Smith, B. F. Smith.
Autaugaville.—*Elder J. H. Ray, J. I. Lamar, *J. T. Hester, *J. Nunn.
Midway.—Wm. O'Neill, *Isaac H. Ellis, *F. M. Nuckolls.
Pine Level.—Elder B. A. Jackson, Elder T. J. Miles, *H. W. Clark.
Elim.—Letter. No delegates.
Liberty.—G. B. Cantey, *W. H. H. Dickey, *James A. Mitchell.
Salem.—Unrepresented.
Bethesda.—Unrepresented.
Antioch, Montgomery County.—Unrepresented.
Mt. Lebanon, Montgomery County.—E. P. Johnson, *James D. Garrard, *Jesse G. Jones.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

Greenville.—Elder J. E. Bell, *Elder J. T. S. Parks, John Gamble, H. W. Watson.
Hickory Grove.—Franklin Armstrong, Jas. M. Armstrong, *J. P. Cross.
New Ebenezer.—C. C. Mothershed, Thos. Boyett, W. W. Cawthern.
Damascus.—Elder W. C. Avant, J. H. Smith, E. M. McGhee, S. F. Andress.
Macedonia.—W. Bowden, W. H. Nix, F. L. Ellis.
Antioch, Butler County.—S. Jordan, A. Gafford, E. Hendrix, H. Garrett.
Union.—Elder J. J. Cumbie, J. F. Smith, J. E. Turner, J. C. Ramage.
Philadelphia.—Unrepresented.
Ephesus.—Darius Ogbourne, *T. B. Sessions.
Sardis.—D. Curington, P. H. Drake, S. H. Thornton.

The same brethren who read the letters were requested by the Moderator to act as tellers, and the organization of the body was effected by an unanimous re-election of its former officers, to wit: Elder David Lee, Moderator; H. W. Caffey, Clerk; Samuel W. Lide, Treasurer.

The Moderator returned thanks for this token of unabated confidence on the part of his brethren, and announced the readiness of the Association to proceed with business.

The customary courtesies were extended to visiting brethren of our faith and order.

The following Standing Committees for the ensuing year were appointed:

ON RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

John Gamble, T. M. Bragg, T. K. Padgett, George W. McQueen, J. E. Simpson.

ON MISSIONS.—(To report next year.)

Elder J. Falconer, Elder M. Bishop, Elder Thomas E. Williams, F. L. Ellis, E. P. Johnson.

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.—(To report next year.)

Elder W. M. Davis, Elder W. W. Lloyd, J. E. Pouncey, Elder J. J. Cumbie, James M. Armstrong.

ON DOCUMENTS.

Elder W. B. Crumpton, J. J. Vaughan, J. M. Smith, Charles C. Cleveland, Franklin Armstrong.

ON STATE OF RELIGION IN THE CHURCHES.

Elder T. M. Bailey, B. S. Meadows, J. W. Bast, Wm. O'Neill, Sam'l Jordan.

J. I. Lamar, John Bullock, A. Peagler.

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

H. W. Watson, W. J. Moseley.

It was voted that the Association resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, at 10½ o'clock A. M., on Monday, in order to consider the State of Religion in the Churches.

By resolution, Elder I. T. Tichenor was invited to present the claims of Howard College, at 7 o'clock, P. M., in the Baptist Church, to our confidence and support.

By vote of the body, Elder B. H. Crumpton was excused from preaching the annual Mission Sermon, in accordance with appointment, and Elder I. T. Tichenor requested to discharge that duty.

Elder, J. J. Cumbie, for satisfactory reasons assigned, was excused from further attendance on this session of the body as a delegate from Union Church.

An invitation was extended to Churches desiring to connect themselves with this organization; whereupon Rutledge, a newly constituted Church, resulting from the labors of our Missionary, Elder B. A. Jackson, presented herself by letter and delegates, and was admitted. Delegates—G. W. Thagard, J. W. Tranum, A. Matthews.

The Moderator called for correspondence, and elicited the following responses:

Tuskegee Association.—Elder Z. D. Roby.

Pine Barren Association.—Elder J. F. Bruner, J. B. Scott, J. E. Duke, S. M. C. Middleton.

Bethlehem Association.—J. M. Fortune, P. S. Milner.

Zion Association.—Elder J. C. R. Lockhart, Elder B. F. Lockhart.

Salem Association.—M. J. Gamble.

RETURN CORRESPONDENCE.

Tuskegee Association.—Elder J. M. Newman, Elder W. M. Davis, Elder J. Falconer, Elder D. W. Gwin, A. H. Johnson. Meets on Saturday before third Sabbath in October, 1870.

Salem Association.—Elder B. A. Jackson, Elder P. H. Lundy, Elder T. J. Miles. Meets at Spring Hill, eight miles southeast of Troy, on Saturday before the first Sabbath in October, 1871.

Pine Barren Association.—Elder B. H. Crumpton, Elder W. C. Cleveland, Elder J. E. Bell, Elder T. M. Bailey, J. E. Pouncey. Meets at Rock West Church, Wilcox county, on Saturday before the third Sabbath in October, 1870.

Unity Association.—Elder J. H. Ray, J. I. Lamar, B. F. Smith. Meets at Mulberry Church, Bibb county, on Saturday, before the first Sabbath in October, 1871.

Bethlehem Association.—Elder J. E. Bell, Elder B. A. Jackson, Elder P. H. Lundy, Elder B. H. Crumpton, J. J. Vaughan. Meets at Monroeville, on Saturday before the fourth Saturday in September, 1871.

Zion Association.—Elder J. T. S. Parks, H. W. Watson. Meets at Hopewell Church, Covington county, ten miles east of Brooklynn, on Saturday before the third Sabbath in October, 1870.

Baptist State Convention.—Elder J. Falconer, Elder W. M. Davis, Elder D. W. Gwin, Elder T. M. Bailey, Elder B. H. Crumpton, Elder J. E. Bell, Elder P. H. Lundy, Elder T. J. Miles, Elder M. Bishop, John Gamble.

The Committee on Religious Exercises reported as follows: To address the Sabbath School mass meeting at 9 o'clock A. M., Sabbath, Elder W. M. Davis and Elder T. M. Bailey. To preach in the Baptist Church at 11 o'clock, A. M., Elder I. T. Tichenor; at 7 P. M., Elder B. H. Crumpton. At the Methodist Church, 11 o'clock A. M., Elder W. M. Davis; at 7 P. M., Elder B. A. Jackson. At the Presbyterian Church, 11 o'clock A. M., Elder T. M. Bailey; at 7 P. M., Elder W. C. Cleveland.

The following resolve was introduced; "When this body adjourns, it does so to meet on Saturday before the first Sabbath in October, 1871," which on motion was laid on the table.

After prayer by Elder I. T. Tichenor, the Association adjourned to 9 o'clock A. M. Monday.

SABBATH.

At 9 o'clock A. M., the Sabbath School mass meeting was addressed by Elder T. M. Bailey, and at its close an invitation extended to the several Sabbath Schools in the town to meet in the Baptist Church, at 3 o'clock P. M., to listen to an address by Brother G. C. Connor, from Atlanta, Ga.

The several services were held according to appointment at the different churches, and a collection taken up at the Baptist Church for Mission purposes, amounting to $43 90.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1870, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The Association called to order by the Moderator, and after uniting in prayer with Brother K. Hawthorn, resumed business.

Roll of delegates called, and absentees marked.

Rules of Order and Decorum read.

Elder P. H. Lundy stated he had received through the mail an anonymous letter, inclosing twenty dollars, and directing the following disposition to be made of it: Foreign Missions, $5 00; Indian Missions, $5 00; General Domestic Missions, $5 00; Associational Missions, $5 00. By order of the Association, he was instructed to turn over the funds to the Finance Committee.

Voted, that the appointment of the Associational Mission Board for the ensuing year be postponed until after the report of the Board of Missions is made.

Elder H. C. Townsend, the regularly appointed chairman of the Committee on Sabbath Schools, having died since the preceding session of this body, Elder Matthew Bishop read a report on that subject.

The hour of 10½ o'clock having now arrived, in accordance with the resolution adopted to that effect on Saturday, the Association was resolved into Committee of the Whole, to consider the "State of Religion in the Churches."

The remainder of the forenoon was consumed by brethren from the various Churches in interesting statements regarding the interests of our Redeemer's kingdom in their several localities.

MONDAY, 3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Association was called to order by the Moderator, and consideration of Brother Bishop's report on the subject of Sabbath Schools resumed.

The following amendment was offered: "*Resolved*, That we cordially recommend and urge the Churches of this Association to carry out in practice the spirit of this report, by organizing their Sabbath Schools upon the basis of the entire membership of the Churches." The report, as amended, was then adopted. See Appendix A.

Report of the Mission Board of the Association was read by the chairman, Elder P. H. Lundy, and adopted. See Appendix B.

Elder T. J. Miles, chairman of Committee on Missions, made a report on that subject. The following amendment was offered by Brother B. H. Crumpton: "*Resolved*, that the Mission Board appointed for the Association shall be a general Mission Board, and it shall be the duty of the members composing the same, to make such collections among the various Churches, from time to time, as they may be able, and forward such moneys as are contributed to Foreign and Domestic Missions, or

terly to the Foreign and Domestic Mission Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention. It shall be their duty, further, to take subscriptions for the several Mission objects of this body, on the condition that such amounts pledged are due and payable at the next annual meeting of the Association."

The amendment was adopted; the report, as amended, was likewise adopted. See Appendix C.

Resolved, That two brethren from each district be appointed by the Moderator to nominate the above committee, to be composed of seven; one from each district and two for the Association at large.

Under the above resolution, the following brethren were selected by the Moderator: First District, S. W. Lide, C. C. Cleveland; Second District, Elder M. Bishop, B. S. Meadows; Third District, Elder James M. Newman, E. P. Johnson; Fourth District, Elder W. H. Avant, John Gamble.

Voted, that when this board shall have been appointed, it shall have control of all Mission matters pertaining to this Association.

Report on Documents read and adopted. See Appendix D.

Report on State of Religion in the Churches read and adopted. See Appendix E.

On motion, adjourned to 7½ P. M. Prayer by Elder G. C. Connor.

MONDAY, 7½ O'CLOCK P. M.

Association called to order, and resumed business.

Report of Finance Committee read and referred to the Auditing Committee.

Voted, that all unappropriated funds belonging to this body be equally divided between Foreign, General Domestic and Associational Missions.

Report of Treasurer read and referred to Auditing Committee, and reported correct. See Appendix F.

Brother H. W. Watson offered the following:

Resolved, That the Moderator appoint a committee of five to prepare suitable memorial resolutions, in token of our respect, to the memory of Elders J. A. Fouville and H. C. Townsend, and Deacons A. J. McLemore and Jacob Thornton, who have departed this life since the last meeting of this body, and report the same before adjournment.

In pursuance of the above, the following were appointed: H. W. Watson, Elders J. M. Newman, W. M. Davis, B. A. Jackson and T. J. Miles.

The next session of this body will be held with the Town Creek Baptist Church, Dallas county, on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1871.

On motion, voted, that whereas a large number of orphans and other youth within the bounds of this Association are deprived of the benefits of education through the desolations of the late war; and whereas, it is our duty to do all within our power to enable the youth to search the Scriptures, and "remember their Creator in the days of their youth;" therefore, be it

Resolved, That our Missionary be directed to look out such needy children, make arrangements with the teachers of good schools in our midst for their tuition, and raise the money by contribution necessary to pay the same.

On motion, the Committee on Religious Services were discharged from further duty.

The committee to suggest suitable names for appointment on the Board of Missions, for the Association, proposed the following brethren, who were confirmed by the Moderator: First District, H. W. Caffey; Second District, Fuller Goldsmith; Third District, J. E. Simpson; Fourth District, H. W. Watson; for the Association at large, Elder Matthew Bishop, Elder B. A. Jackson, John Gamble.

Voted, that the Mission Board of the Association be empowered to fill any vacancy occurring in that body.

The Committee on Obituaries made a report, which was adopted. See Appendix G.

On motion, resolved that the sum of $26.50, contributed by the Greenville Baptist Sabbath School to the Orphans' Home, be left in the hands of the Treasurer of Greenville Baptist Church, subject to the order of the Mission Board of the Association.

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of this body are extended to the citizens of Greenville and our brethren of that vicinity, for the generous hospitality extended to the delegates of this Association.

Finance Report, passed upon by the Auditing Committee and pronounced correct, was adopted. See Appendix H.

Resolved, That the Clerk be instructed to have as many copies of Minutes printed as the funds sent up for that purpose will pay for, after deducting $25 for his services, and distribute them among the Churches.

Voted, that the collection of yesterday ($43.90) be equally divided between the Board of Foreign Missions and the General Domestic Mission Board.

On motion, the Association adjourned, to meet according to appointment with the Town Creek Baptist Church.

The hymn, "Oh for a Closer Walk with God," was feelingly sung, as the parting hand extended.

APPENDIX.

APPENDIX A.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The time has been when many Christians have regarded the Churches as sleeping-cars, in which to slumber as they glided softly and pleasantly into the haven of repose; but now some of them are waking up, and have discovered, by searching the Scriptures, that a revival is a Church at work, and that a glorious revival is the result of a whole Church actively working in the vineyard of the Lord. This enlivening fact has led to the discovery of another of no less importance—that Sabbath Schools are not of men, but really of Heaven; not institutions outside of the Church, but a Church at work. These heavenly truths are stimulating many of the brethren and sisters of the Alabama Association to more activity and co-operation in the Master's cause, in scattering light among their children and neighbors. Your Committee is satisfied the reason why so many Christians in our Churches have been inactive in the Sabbath School enterprise, is not an unwillingness to perform known duties. No! they say, as our brethren in all ages since the Apostles have said, "Give us a *thus saith the Lord*, or a Scriptural example, and we are ready for co-operation." It is not a rebellious spirit they possess, but a lack of information as to duty. Unfortunately, where many have been converted and added to the Churches, there has been a want of faithfulness on the part of the Pastor, in not encouraging them to identify themselves with a Bible class, where all things commanded by the great Teacher may be sought after every Sabbath day. Christians, as well as children, need to be taught their duty, their whole duty. It is well known, the unscriptural system of being taught once a month by the Pastor, or one hour on Saturday, never has and never can accomplish the work for which the Church was instituted. This fact has been felt and deplored by the live, well-informed, working Christians of every Church. During the past Associational year many Sabbath School Conventions have convened with the Churches; many important questions have been discussed; much information imparted, and many stimulated to the study of God's precious Word, and thereby become efficient students and teachers in the Sabbath School.

The letters from the Churches to this body show that those Churches with Sabbath Schools, and those who have organized themselves into a School of Christ, are flourishing and have been greatly revived by the Master's presence, and that they regard their prosperity as the result of the combined labors of the preached Gospel with the co-operation of faithful teachers in the Sabbath School. The desire of many working, praying, live Christians is for every Church in the Association to be an evergreen Sabbath School. Therefore,

Resolved, That the Committee be instructed to engage a live Sabbath School worker to ride in the bounds of the Association the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted.

MATTHEW BISHOP, Chairman.

APPENDIX B.

REPORT OF MISSION BOARD OF ALA. BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Your Board, in obedience to the directions of the Association of 1860 engaged the services of Elder B. A. Jackson to travel as a Missionary within the bounds of the Association. He entered immediately on his work, has been faithful in the discharge of his duty, and his labors have been blessed of the Lord. He has traveled 2,420 miles; delivered 155 sermons and addresses; visited for religious conversation 329 families; attended 37 prayer meetings; baptized 26; received by letter 32; restored two; assisted in the ordination of one Minister; constituted one Church (white); assisted in organizing two Sabbath Schools, with about 50 scholars and teachers each; and constituted one colored Church and ordained two colored Deacons. The Churches have sent up as a remuneration for services rendered, $819.

P. H. LUNDY, President of Missionary Board.

APPENDIX C.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows: For thirty years it has been the custom of this Association to send out to the Churches annual reviews of the progress of Missions, accompanied by earnest appeals for prayer and material support. Brethren appointed to draw up these reports have sought to present the duty of preaching the Gospel in such solemn and burning words as would most successfully secure the full obedience by the followers of Christ to the commission of their ascended Master, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." These annual letters have not been written in vain. In the past, our brethren poured out their means and sent it forth perfumed with their devoutest prayers. Let us, the children of these noble men, who now sleep in Jesus, prove ourselves worthy of our sires and the heritage they have left us. The teeming millions of the East who know not God are going down to death ignorant of the glorious Gospel of His Son. China, Burmah and Africa stretch out to us their tawny hands, beseeching us to come over and help them. The mighty struggles in Europe are opening up new fields, whose rich harvests invite us to thrust in the sickle. Our Foreign Board of Missions, alive to the wants of these ignorant heathen and deluded Romanists, are entreating us to forward means to enable them to send unto those unsaved ones, in the name of our Savior, the preachers of His Cross. The home field sends up to us piteous wails of destitution: decimated communities and ruined fortunes deprive many localities of the visits of the preacher of righteousness. Scepticism, the usual result of horrible war, stalks impudently and blasphemously through the land, stealing away the hearts of the youth and perverting the tender minds of our children. China and Papal Europe are pouring in upon us their thousands. The Chinaman knows not our God, and in this land of Bible and Gospel light, perpetuates in our own State the abominations of Buddhism and the absurdities of Confucius. The Romanist, boasting his increasing strength, and sapping the very foundations of spiritual life, is toiling to deprive us of our religion and our children by his heresies and sorceries. In this, the hour of our great trial, what shall we do? How shall we stem the tide and resist the fearful torrent of heresies, save by the erection of the Cross of Christ and the faithful preaching of the Gospel? "Christ crucified is the power and wisdom of God." This same Jesus must be preached unto these people, by pious and consecrated men: and how shall such men preach *except they be sent?* To accomplish our part of this, we propose to offer unto the Churches a plan by which our co-

tributions and the number of our missionaries may be increased. We propose:

1. That the Mission Board of this Association consist of seven brethren, one to be appointed from each District and three from the Association at large. We deem it advisable that these brethren be selected from among the membership outside of the ministry, if practicable.

2. That each member of the Board, during the coming year, secure the holding of a missionary meeting with each Church in the Association, or a general mass meeting of the entire District, at some central and convenient point.

3. That the Association suggest and urgently urge upon each of our brethren as are not able, by reason of their avocation, to pay from the first day of the week as the Lord hath prospered them, to set apart a portion of their farms for Mission purposes, say from one-fourth to one acre, as circumstances and encourage their children to aid them in cultivating it in such a manner as to yield the most money, and to send up the proceeds of the same to the next meeting of this body for Missionary purposes.

Respectfully submitted. T. J. MILES, Chairman.

APPENDIX D.

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS.

Your Committee beg leave to report, that Pleasant Hill, Town Creek and Providence Churches have each preferred a request that the next session of your body be held with them. A general petition is contained in the letters of the Churches, invoking an interest in the prayers of the Association at a Throne of Grace. Let not this request be disregarded because it comes up from year to year. We would respectfully recommend that, prior to adjournment, our venerable Moderator lead the body in special prayer to Almighty God for an outpouring of His blessings on the Churches.

Respectfully submitted. W. B. CRUMPTON, Clk.

APPENDIX E.

REPORT ON STATE OF RELIGION IN THE CHURCHES.

From the facts and knowledge obtained from the letters and verbal reports of the brethren, we rejoice in the belief that the cause of the Master in our bounds is in a more prosperous condition than for years past. Christians are inquiring, "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" while many have found out their duty, and are laboring, and giving, and praying, "Lord, let Thy Kingdom come." The letters from the various Churches have demonstrated the fact that those Churches whose membership have, in obedience to the Savior's command, set about searching the Scriptures, have been revived and experienced a rich blessing, while those who have not pursued this course complain of coldness. There have been baptized into the fellowship of the Churches during the Associational year 292 persons. We are sorry to learn from the letters that a large number of the Churches report no regular prayer-meetings. We [illegible] the fact that more Sabbath Schools are reported in our bounds than at any previous session of this body. One Church has been constituted and added to our number. For the increased spirit of prayerful activity manifested in many of our Churches, and for the blessings vouchsafed to us during the year past, we would thank God and take courage. Your Committee would earnestly recommend to all our Churches to meet together at their respective places of worship on the Lord's day, and engage in the devotional exercises of studying God's Word and of offering prayer and praise to the Almighty.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. M. BAILEY, Chairman.

APPENDIX F.

REPORT OF TRASURER.

S. W. LIDE

In Account with Alabama Baptist Association.

Oct. 19th, 1870. DR.

To amount pledges paid by Churches		60 00	
" " Minute fund		96 30	
" " Mission fund in bounds of Association		405 70	
" " Domestic Mission fund		102 05	
" " Foreign " "		118 15	
" " Cash collected Sabbath morning		35 95	
" " " " " night		82 55	
" " Bal. paid Mission Ala. Baptist Association		11 30	$912 00

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By amount paid H. W. Caffey, Clerk		96 30	
" " " Elder A. D. Phillips, Missionary		230 70	
[illegible]		[illegible]	
[illegible]		[illegible]	
Dr. Sumner, Cor. Sec. D. M. B.		102 05	
[illegible]		[illegible]	

S. W. LIDE, Treasurer.

The Auditing Committee have examined the foregoing report of the Treasurer, with his vouchers for the same, and find it correct.

H. W. WATSON, Chairman.

APPENDIX G.

REPORT ON DEATH OF ELDERS J. A. FONVILLE AND H. C. TOWNSEND, AND DEACONS A. J. McLEMORE AND JACOB THORNTON.

Your Committee to whom was referred the duty of reporting on the deaths of Elders J. A. Fonville and H. C. Townsend, and Deacons A. J. McLemore, of Ellis Church, and Jacob Thornton, of Damascus Church, beg leave to report, that Elder Fonville was a good Minister of Jesus Christ, a workman in his Master's vineyard, always ready to preach Christ and Him crucified. Having finished his work, he fell asleep in Jesus, at his residence near Hickory Grove, in April last, and entered into rest.

II. Elder H. C. Townsend, late the Pastor of the Second Baptist Church, Montgomery, although young in the Ministry, made full proof of his labors abundant, and, as a true soldier, fell at his post, in the hope of the Gospel.

III. Deacon McLemore departed this life, at his residence in Montgomery county, in February last, and Deacon Thornton at his residence in Butler county, in September last. These dear brethren having used the office of a Deacon well, in their respective Churches, finished their course, and, as we trust, have been called to their reward on high.

IV. [illegible] decease of Elders J. A. Fonville and H. C. Townsend, and Deacons A. J. [illegible] rejoice in the hope that they have all entered into the rest prepared for the people of God.

Respectfully submitted. H. W. WATSON, Chairman.

APPENDIX II.

FINANCE REPORT

NAMES OF THE CHURCHES.	Pledged to Ded. Relief.	Assoc'l Mission	Minutes	Domes. Mission	Foreign Mission	China Mission	Sunday Sch. Bd.	Howard College	Orph. Home.	Total.
Town Creek			1 00	16 25	23 95		19 05			63 25
Centre Ridge	160 00		2 15							102 15
Cedar Creek			3 00					6 00		9 00
Providence			1 50	14 25	19 00		1 00			35 75
Pleasant Hill	25 00		3 00	4 00						32 00
Salem			2 00							2 00
Ash Creek	30 00		3 00							33 00
Good Hope		19 00	3 00							22 00
Benton			2 00							2 00
Hopewell	4 00		5 50							9 50
Steep Creek	25 00		3 50	20 00						48 50
Bethel	30 00	11 00	2 00							36 00
Lebanon	25 00	5 00	3 00							33 00
Mt. Lebanon	20 00		3 00							23 00
Shady Grove			2 00							2 00
Montgomery 1st		22 00	3 00	5 00				25 00		50 00
Montgomery 2d		10 00	2 00	10 00	10 00					32 00
Bethany	50 00		3 00	7 00		20 00				80 00
Elim			2 00							2 00
Mt. Zion		5 00	2 00							8 00
Mount Pisgah			2 00							2 50
Autaugaville		12 00	2 00							14 00
Liberty		11 00	2 50							16 50
Hickory Grove		100 00	2 50							102 50
Damascus		15 00	3 00							18 00
New Ebenezer			2 50							2 50
Greenville	25 00		5 00	5 00	5 00				20 50	60 50
Shiloh			2 50							2 50
Mt. Hermon	5 00		2 50							7 50
Pine Level		125 00	3 00							128 00
Ephesus			2 00							2 00
Midway			2 00							2 00
Silver Springs			2 50							2 50
Burbridge		50 00	2 50							52 50
S. A. Satterwhite, individual pledge	5 00									5 00
J. A. Mitchell, ind. pledge	10 00									10 00
David Lee, ind. pledge	25 00									25 00
Unknown through letter by P. H. Landy		5 00		10 00		1 00				16 00
Rev. G. Turner, H. Grove						5 00				5 00
Hopewell's children										50
	$305 00	$481 00	$93 85	$150 05	$80 55	$37 50	$20 05	$31 00	$20 50	$1232 00

Respectfully submitted.

J. L. LAMAR, }
J. BULLOCK, } Com.
A. PEAGLER, }

The above account has been examined and found correct.

H. W. WATSON, Chairman of Aud. Com.

Since the adjournment of the Association, Mt. Gilead has, through Elder T. M. Bailey, contributed twenty dollars for the Associational Mission and two dollars for Minutes. There should also have been included in the [illegible] contributed to Bonham [illegible] Home.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES FOR 1870.

	CHURCHES.	MINISTERS.	CLERKS.	POSTOFFICE.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Voucher.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dismiss'd by Letter.	Excluded	Deceased.	Whites.	Blacks.	Whole Number.	Sabbbath Meeting.
FIRST DISTRICT.	Shiloh	W. B. Crumpton	Chas. C. Cleveland	Selma	11	....	6	....	6	3	5	27	186	213	2d
	Town Creek	T. M. Bailey	E. W. Hardy	Benton	14	....	6	2	5	6	....	103	156	259	1st
	Sister Springs	J. H. Ray	Jere Johnston	Selma	1	1	1	....	....	....	....	33	134	167	1st
	Providence	W. B. Crumpton	L. Johnson	Cambridge	6	2	3	....	4	....	....	80	....	80	1st
	Cedar Creek	J. F. Bruner	Joseph Soles	Farmersville	....	....	....	....	6	....	3	53	....	53	2d
	Pleasant Hill	B. H. Crumpton	J. W. Smyly	Pleasant Hill	7	....	1	....	4	....	1	69	200	269	2d and 4th
	Centre Ridge	W. C. Cleveland	J. W. Dennis	Richmond	2	....	4	....	1	1	1	85	....	85	2d and 4th
	Bethany	B. H. Crumpton	J. W. Rast	Benton	6	....	6	....	91	2	2	47	....	47	1st and 3d
	New Bethel	W. B. Crumpton	W. J. Underwood	Bragg's Store	5	....	2	....	8	....	1	44	....	44	4th
SECOND DIST.	Ash Creek	T. M. Bailey	Henry Orum	Hayneville	5	....	....	....	1	1	....	48	67	115	2d and 4th
	Good Hope	J. C. R. Lockhart	A. Peagler	Greenville	1	1	2	....	1	....	....	54	23	77	4th
	Mt. Gilead	T. M. Bailey	John A. Edwards	Benton	2	....	2	1	1	....	....	36	....	36	2d
	Benton	J. H. Ray	John Gresham	Benton	....	....	....	....	2	1	3	28	17	45	1st
	Steep Creek	Matthew Bishop	U. G. W. Powell	Hayneville	20	....	5	1	1	2	....	67	....	67	1st and 3d
	Bethel	John E. Bell	R. M. Burt	Fort Deposit	17	....	8	1	4	5	1	158	....	158	1st
	Hopewell	David Lee	J. H. Robertson	Mt. Willing	5	....	2	....	7	10	1	148	73	221	1st and 2d
THIRD DISTRICT.	Montgomery 1st	D. W. Gwin	John C. Stratford	Montgomery	42	....	12	....	12	....	6	329	....	329	E. S
	Montgomery 2d	W. M. Davis	W. W. Brum	Montgomery	4	....	19	2	4	1	1	153	....	153	E. S
	Unity	P. H. Lundy	B. F. Smith	Prattville	6	1	6	....	6	2	....	98	69	167	4th
	Autaugaville	A. Andrews	J. F. Hester	Autaugaville	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	31	....	31	2d
	Midway	T. J. Miles	J. M. Browder	Pine Level	4	....	5	....	2	....	1	45	....	45	3d
	Mt. Lebanon	David Lee	J. H. Bradshaw	Ramer	24	....	4	....	2	....	1	61	....	61	3d
	Pine Level	B. A. Jackson	M. W. Thornton	Pine Level	6	....	5	1	1	....	....	69	....	69	4th
	Elim	J. J. Cloud	M. McLemore	Montgomery	2	....	4	....	....	....	1	15	....	15	1st
	Liberty	T. J. Miles	J. A. Mitchell	Pine Level	7	1	2	....	....	2	1	27	....	27	1st
FOURTH DISTRICT.	Greenville	P. H. Lundy	J. M. Thigpen	Greenville	14	....	12	1	22	....	2	150	....	150	1st, 2d & 3d
	Hickory Grove	David Lee	Asa Dean	Hayneville	2	1	1	....	6	....	1	41	....	41	4th
	New Ebenezer	W. H. Dean	Thomas Boyt	Honoroville	....	3	....	....	....	....	....	47	1	48	2d
	Damascus	W. H. Avant	S. F. Andress	Greenville	2	3	7	2	30	9	4	130	35	165	2d
	Macedonia	....	S. E. Thompson	Greenville	14	....	4	....	6	....	....	45	....	45	2d
	Antioch, Butler County	J. E. Bell	Hosea Garrett	Greenville	....	2	3	....	7	6	....	50	....	50	2d
	Union	J. J. Cumbie	J. C. Ramage	Honoroville	....	....	7	....	11	1	....	27	....	27	3d
	Philadelphia	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
	Ephesus	Benjamin Cooper	T. B. Sessions	Oaky Streak	2	....	1	....	2	1	....	30	....	30	....
	Sardis	B. F. Lockhart	J. O. Sharp	Greenville	27	....	4	1	3	....	....	36	3	39	1st
	Rutledge	B. A. Jackson, Mission'y	L. D. Brook	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	19	....	19	2d